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[Report No. 104-]

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 1996

Mr. PRESSLER (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FORD, and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

JULY —, 1996

Reported by Mr. PRESSLER, WITHOUT AMENDMENT

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Transpor-
5 tation Safety Board Amendments of 1996.”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN INVESTIGATIONS.**

2 Section 1114 of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by striking “(b) and (c)” in subsection (a)
5 and inserting “(b), (c), and (e)”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(e) FOREIGN INVESTIGATIONS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law, neither the Board, nor any agency
10 receiving information from the Board, shall disclose
11 records or information relating to its participation in
12 foreign aircraft accident investigations; except
13 that—

14 “(A) the Board shall release records per-
15 taining to such an investigation when the coun-
16 try conducting the investigation issues its final
17 report or 2 years following the date of the acci-
18 dent, whichever occurs first; and

19 “(B) the Board may disclose records and
20 information when authorized to do so by the
21 country conducting the investigation.

22 “(2) SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS.—Nothing in
23 this subsection shall restrict the Board at any time
24 from referring to foreign accident investigation in-
25 formation in making safety recommendations.”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROTECTION OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION OF IN-**
2 **FORMATION.**

3 Section 1114(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) PROTECTION OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION
6 OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
7 vision of law, neither the Board, nor any agency re-
8 ceiving information from the Board, shall disclose
9 voluntarily provided safety-related information if
10 that information is not related to the exercise of the
11 Board’s accident or incident investigation authority
12 under this chapter and if the Board finds that the
13 disclosure of the information would inhibit the vol-
14 untary provision of that type of information.”.

15 **SEC. 4. TRAINING.**

16 Section 1115 of title 49, United States Code, is
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(d) TRAINING OF BOARD EMPLOYEES AND
19 OTHERS.—The Board may conduct training of its
20 employees in those subjects necessary for the proper
21 performance of accident investigation. The Board
22 may also authorize attendance at courses given
23 under this subsection by other government person-
24 nel, personnel of foreign governments, and personnel
25 from industry or otherwise who have a requirement
26 for accident investigation training. The Board may

1 require non-Board personnel to reimburse some or
2 all of the training costs, and amounts so reimbursed
3 shall be credited to the appropriation of the ‘Na-
4 tional Transportation Safety Board, Salaries and
5 Expenses’ as offsetting collections.”.

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 1118(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “and”; and

10 (2) by inserting before the period at the end of
11 the first sentence the following: “, \$42,400,00 for
12 fiscal year 1997, \$44,400,000 for fiscal year 1998,
13 and \$46,600,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.

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